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This includes the celebrated Lisk Four-Coated Ware. See our show windows, where we have displayed a few pieces, then walk into our store and we will show you thousands of pieces of Enameled Ware and will give you prices that will induce you to buy. We have a few Ice Cream Freezers left that we will sell at reduced prices. The same offer applies to Window and Door Screens. Our stock of Hardware is complete and we sell only the best of everything in our various lines. Remember, it is quality that counts—we have it!

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### MAY PREVENT PROHIBITION ELECTION.

**EFFORT TO HAVE THE SUPREME COURT DECLARE THE ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL.**

Columbia, August 7.—If proceedings begun in the supreme court of this State to prevent the prohibition referendum election on September 14 fail an appeal to the supreme court of the United States may knock out the referendum. An application was made at Laurens yesterday by Cole L. Blease, former Governor of South Carolina, and Frank G. Tompkins of Columbia, attorneys representing John Harry Chappell, a taxpayer, of Newberry, asking for an injunction preventing the referendum. Associate Justice Watts, before whom the application was made, refused to sign an injunction, but referred the matter to the whole supreme court and set August 20 in Columbia for that body to hear the question and to pass on the matter.

Significance is attached to that section in the petition asking for the injunction in that it is alleged the referendum is in violation both of the Constitution of the State and of the United States. Observers see in the Federal question an opening to take the case to the United States supreme court should the anti-prohibitionists lose out in the State courts. This could be done either by getting a writ of error from the Chief Justice of the State supreme court or by applying to a United States Supreme Court Justice for a

writ of error and a temporary injunction preventing the referendum, pending the hearing of the appeal. The nearness of the referendum election would prevent the supreme court of the United States from hearing the matter until after the date for the election would have passed, and the anti-prohibitionists would have won their point even if the highest tribunal would later decide that the referendum was regular. If the date for the election is passed it would be a victory for the antis and the whole question would be postponed until the next meeting of the Legislature.

The contention of the petitioner is that it is a power granted the General Assembly by the Constitutions of the United States and of the State to say whether or not the State shall have prohibition of liquor selling or what form of regulation of the liquor traffic shall prevail, and that this power cannot be passed or delegated to the people through a referendum election. They also point out that the referendum act provides for the winding up of the dispensaries in case prohibition wins, and this they declare is legislating on a contingency which is invalid and unconstitutional.

The general public thought the prohibitionists were certain of victory and that the antis were not even going to make a fight, and on every hand one could hear that the result was a foregone conclusion. The first move against prohibition came yesterday, when attorneys representing Mr. Chappell, a taxpayer of Newberry, applied to Associate Justice Watts for an injunction preventing the election on the ground

that the act passed by the Legislature providing for the referendum September 14 is unconstitutional and invalid. The action was directed against Secretary of State R. M. Cown, State Treasurer S. T. Carter, Comptroller General Carlton W. Sawyer and C. T. Graydon, Zeb Hope and J. F. Howell, State commissioners of election for Richland county. Justice Watts refused to grant an injunction, but referred the whole question to the supreme court, which meets at Columbia August 20.

Mr. Chappell says in his petition that he is a personal prohibitionist, and expects to vote for State-wide prohibition in the referendum election, but that he thinks it is unconstitutional, and the election would be invalid, and it would, therefore, involve an unnecessary expense on the taxpayers, reciting that \$35,800 is provided for meeting the expenses of the referendum.

After reciting the referendum act, in which provision is made for winding up the dispensaries in case prohibition carries, the petitioner says: "The aforesaid provisions and sections of said act are in violation of Article 4, Section 4, of the Constitution of the United States; of Article 3, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, and Article 8, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina."

Mr. Tompkins, one of the attorneys for Mr. Chappell, the petitioner, would not say this morning whether they would seek to take the case to the supreme court or not if they lost before the State court. He would make no comment and only smiled when it was suggested that they had provided in their petition for taking the fight to the United States supreme court by bringing in the Federal constitutionality of the act. Former Governor Blease, the other attorney, is out of the city today.

Prohibitionists are confident that the supreme court will decide the act is regular and constitutional, and will not enjoin the election. They are confident of winning in the referendum September 14, and while taken by surprise at the move of their opponents through the courts, would make no admission that they have any fear of the referendum election being prevented.

The Attorney General is the representative of all State officials, and Attorney General Thomas H. Peoples and Assistant Attorney General Dominick will likely be called on to appear for them in this case and uphold the validity and constitutionality of the act of the Legislature in ordering the referendum.

The fight between the prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists is now on in earnest, and the whole State will await the outcome of the injunction proceedings with much interest.

Country-cured Shoulders, Hams and Breakfast Bacon. This meat was cured in North Carolina and is A1. A good lot just received. Try it. PEOPLE'S MERCANTILE CO. 8-5-2t

#### Suttons Sitings.

Suttons, August 9.—The Misses Hinnant charmingly entertained a number of their friends Friday evening.

Mr. Joe Ferguson was in this section several days last week.

Mr. W. N. Blakely spent Friday and Saturday pleasantly at Andrews.

Mr. Marion Wilson of Oceda was here Monday of last week.

Mr. T. E. Blakeley, of this community, weighed one of his eleven weeks old pigs, which tipped the beam at fifty pounds. Mr. Blakeley has several of these fine fellows.

Misses Lyde Kennedy and Melle Plowden, teachers at Aimwell, passed through here Friday en route to Kingstree and Lake City, where they spent the week-end.

Mr. S. H. Norton of Andrews spent last week-end with relatives and friends near here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blakeley and children spent the week-end with relatives at Oceda.

Miss Novel Richardson of Andrews is the charming guest of Miss Doye Hinnant this week.

Mr. Thomas of Sampit is visiting relatives here. We hope his health will be much improved by the change.

Mr. F. L. Richardson was here from Salters yesterday.

Mr. Johnson of Hemingway was a pleasant visitor here one day recently.

Mr. Julius Liffage was here yesterday. He was on his motorcycle, despite the threatening weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wiggins of Gourdin are visiting relatives here. Mrs. Wiggins is convalescing from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. Vander Jeffords of Lake City has been in our midst several days recently. Come again, "old boy," we are always glad to see you.

The showers last week were welcomed by all us farmers. The drought has done considerable damage to the corn crop here.

POOR BOY.

#### Notes from Venters.

Venters, August 9.—Miss Ruth White of Centenary was the guest of Miss Janie Davis last week.

Miss Ella Cannon, who holds a position at Richmond, Va., is at home on her vacation.

Miss Eulee Spring of Florence is visiting her parents here.

Mrs. Porter of Sampit visited her sister, Mrs. W. T. Lee, last week.

Miss Irene Mullinix spent part of last week with Misses Cornelia and Blondell Cockfield.

Mr. B. S. Hughes, a young man of this community who is studying for the ministry, filled Rev. P. B. Ingraham's appointment at Johnsonville Sunday afternoon. EFFIE.

Agnes Graves, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Graves of Abbeville, died in a hospital at Greenville Sunday, following an operation made necessary by swallowing a butter bean.

#### Generally Appreciated.

Editor County Record:—

I wish to acknowledge with thanks through your columns the following contributions made to defray traveling expenses of Willie H. Smith and Scott Cantey, the two Williamsburg county corn club boys who won, as prizes, scholarships to 30 days summer course at Clemson college. These boys left for Clemson Monday morning:

Central Warehouse, Hester & Montgomery, props.	\$ 5 00
Morgan's Warehouse, Morgan & Nesmith, props.	3 00
Nelson's Warehouse, Epps, McIntosh, McElveen & Burgess, props.	5 00
Gorrell's New Warehouse, Gass & Gorrell, props.	3 00
King's Warehouse, Johnsonville, J. D. King, prop.	2 50
Star Warehouse, Johnsonville, J. R. Hutchings & Sons, props.	2 00
Farmers' Warehouse, Hemingway, Snow & LeGette, props.	2 50
Cash	2 00
Total	\$25 00

T. O. EPPS,

Agent in charge.

Kingstree, August 10.

Master George Hightower of Denmark is here on a visit to relatives, the family of Mrs. Edwin Harper.

#### Southern Cattlemen's Assn.

The third annual meeting of the Southern Cattlemen's association will be held at Birmingham, Ala., August 18, 19 and 20, 1915. Special reduced passenger rates for the round trip have been secured on all lines in the territory of the Southwestern Passenger association, and summer tourist rates, 2c a mile, from points in Southwestern Passenger association.

On the programme are a large number of men who are prominent among the cattlemen of the South because they have done things. The programme is one of instruction, because we have passed the stage where we need to be told "what to do," we now want to be told "how to do it."

A big auction sale of 60 head of pure-bred breeding cattle will of itself be a liberal education for anyone starting to raise or handle cattle.

No man interested in the development of the cattle industry in the South can afford to miss this meeting. For programme and other information write the Secretary, Tait Butler, Box 935, Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. M. F. Heller spent several days at Manning this week.

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